

even bold, but with great seeming modesty."¹ Letter CL, "A mere courtier; without parts or knowledge, is the most frivolous and contemptible of all beings; as, on the other hand, a man of parts and knowledge who acquires the easy and noble manners of a court is the most perfect."² Concerning good breeding, Casa offers several hints:

- "Pass no joke with a sting.
- Avoid being thought a punster.
- Keep free from mimicry.
- Never pride yourself on being a wag.
- Be moderate in salutations.
- Be not envious.
- Be not passively complaisant.
- Show no hant'ness of temper.
- Be mild to your servants.
- Keep up outward appearances.
- Be easy in carriage.
- Listen when spoken to.
- Vary your address.
- Behave well at table.
- Attend to the women.
- Kiss not the ladies."³

Chesterfield's admonitions are couched in a more general and elegant style: "Know then, that as learning, honor, and virtue

1. Chesterfield's Letters to His Son, p 456, Letter CCLXXXIV.

2. op. cit., p 158, Letter CL.

3. Galateo, p 269.